Waiticity list of **telephone connections at Madras**

341, SHRl R. T. GOPALAN. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleaed to state

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections at Madras upto January, 1991;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government for providing new telephone connections from each exchange; and

(c) the time by when the telephone connections are likely to be provided to all the enlisted persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUIY. MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Waiting list position as on 31-1-91 is:

OYT	5923
Non OYT	— 63760
Total :	69683

(b) and (c) The draft 8th plan has been formulated with an objective to contain by the end of 8th Five Year Plan, the waiting list to one year on an average in exchanges of capacities of 5000 lines and above. With this objective, expansion plans are drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively/during the 8th Plan per iod.

Central alocation for irrigation facilities . in rural areas

342. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the allocation made by the Central Government for providing irrigation facilities in rural areas during 1990-91 and the amount asked for by the States for this purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): A Statement is enclosed.